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)) Re: ***Amendment and Response***  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 20, 2004, an initial response to which is due no later than **December 20, 2004**, Applicants submit this paper. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.